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### **CQC consultation a complete farce says head of voluntary sector disability group**

A week after the Care Quality Commission (CQC) announced a significant fee increase to providers, the regulator has released supporting statutory documents.

Commenting on these documents, VODG chief executive Rhidian Hughes said:

*"CQC's consultation on its fees has been a complete farce. VODG, and our members, have wasted considerable time and resources engaging with the regulator only for our views and perspectives to be ignored".*

#### **Notes for editors**

The Voluntary Organisations Disability Group (VODG) represents over 80 leading voluntary sector and not-for-profit disability and care organisations. VODG members work with around a million disabled people throughout the UK providing services that promote independence, choice and control.

VODG works on behalf of its members to influence and develop policy and to promote good practice.

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